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SUBJ: EFFECTS OF BRAZILIAN REJECTION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE ON
BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES CAPABILITIES

1. FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF MISSION STUDY, PREPARED
BY THE US DELEGATION TO JOINT BRAZIL-US MILITARY
COMMISSION, ON THE EFFECTS OF THE BRAZILIAN RENUNCIATION OF
FY-78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND DENUNCIATION OF THE 1952 MUTUAL
DEFENSE ASSISTANCE TREATY ON BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES
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OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY. FULL STUDY WILL BE TRANSMITTED IN
AIRGRAM SENT TO ACTION ADDRESSEES ABOVE.

2. THIS STUDY ASSUMES A "WORST
CASE" AS A RESULT OF THE BRAZILIAN RENUNCIATION OF FY-78
SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND DENUNCIATION OF THE 1952 MUTUAL
DEFENSE ASSISTANCE TREATY. BRAZIL IS ASSUMED TO BE

THEREAFTER INELIGIBLE FOR ANY ELEMENT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE (PARTICULARLY FMS CASH PURCHASES AND IMET WHICH SHE MOST DESIRES TO CONTINUE). FURTHER AS A WORST CASE WE ASSUME THAT ITEMS ON THE MUNITIONS CONTROL LIST WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO BRAZIL THROUGH COMMERCIAL SALES BY US MANUFACTURERS. CONTINUED ACCESS TO SHIP LOANS AND LEASES IS DISCUSSED IN AIRGRAM.

3. BY VIRTUE OF OUR LONG MILITARY ASSOCIATION WITH THE BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES, THEIR ORIENTATION FOR TACTICAL DOCTRINE AND PROCEDURES, ORGANIZATION, TRAINING METHODS AND SYSTEMS, AND MAINTENANCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROCEDURES IS TOWARD CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. THERE HAS BEEN AN EFFORT, HOWEVER, IN RECENT YEARS BY THE BRAZILIANS TO DIVERSIFY THEIR SOURCES OF SUPPLY AND TO STIMULATE SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND TO THIS END BRAZIL HAS MOVED TO CREATE A DOMESTIC ARMS INDUSTRY.

4. EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN AMMUNITION, THE LOSS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE CRIPPLING FOR THE BRAZILIAN ARMY. THE IMPACT ON THE BRAZILIAN NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND AIR FORCE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY MORE SIGNIFICANT. THEIR SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING ARE LINKED DIRECTLY TO STRONG AND CONTINUOUS US SUPPORT. A SHORT-TERM CURTAILMENT OF THIS SUPPORT WOULD NOT BE DISASTROUS IF COMMERCIAL SOURCES FOR PARTS AND TECHNOLOGICAL SUPPORT COULD BE FOUND, BUT A LONG-TERM CURTAILMENT WOULD MEAN AN EXTENSIVE REVISION OF THEIR PLANS AND PROGRAMS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ADOPTION OF OTHER SOURCES OF MILITARY MATERIEL AND SUPPORT TO SUSTAIN THE DESIRED LEVEL OF OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY FOR THEIR FORCES.

5. FOLLOWING CHART SUMMARIZES WORST CASE IMPACT OF THE RENUNCIATION/DENUNCIATION ON SEPARATE SERVICE SYSTEMS AND SUPPORT FOR WHICH SECURITY ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN UTILIZED TO SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY. AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF EIGHT YEARS A NUMBER OF WEAPONS/SUPPORT SYSTEMS WILL BE PHASED OUT AND FOR THOSE REMAINING, ALTERNATE DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN SOURCES WILL BE SUBSTITUTED.

	SHORT TERM	MID TERM	LONG TERM
SYSTEM	(0-2 YEARS)	(2-8 YEARS)	(8 PLUS YEARS)
ARMY			
WEAPONS/VEHICLES	MINOR	MINOR	MINOR
AMMUNITION	SIGNIFICANT	SIGNIFICANT	MINOR
COMMUNICATIONS	MINOR	MINOR	MINOR
NAVY			
SHIPS/SUBMARINES	MAJOR	MAJOR	MINOR (1)

HELICOPTERS	MAJOR	MAJOR	MAJOR (2)
EW/FIRE CONTROL/COMM	MAJOR	MAJOR	MINOR
AMMUNITION	MINOR	MAJOR	MAJOR
MARINE CORPS			
WEAPONS	MAJOR	MAJOR	MINOR
AMMUNITION	SIGNIFICANT	SIGNIFICANT	MINOR
COMMUNICATIONS	MINOR	MINOR	MINOR
AIR FORCE			
AIRCRAFT/HELICOPTERS	MINOR	MAJOR	MAJOR (2)
COMMUNICATIONS	MINOR	MINOR	MINOR
ANCILLARY SUPPORT			
EQUIPMENT	MINOR	MINOR	MINOR
AMMUNITION	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT	MINOR

NOTES:

(1) PREDOMINANT U.S. SHIP/SUB INVENTORY WILL BE PHASED OUT AFTER ABOUT EIGHT YEARS.

(2) BASED UPON USEFUL OPERATIONAL SERVICE LIFE OF 20 YEARS.

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6. FROM THE CHART ABOVE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT U.S./BRAZILIAN OPERATIONAL COMPATIBILITY WILL BE DIMINISHED BY LACK OF COMMONALITY OF COMMUNICATIONS, AMMUNITION AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT OVER THE MID AND LONG RANGE PERIODS.

7. THE IMPACT IN THE NEAR AND MID TERMS OF THE LOSS OF TRAINING WILL BE SIGNIFICANT FOR THE BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE AND NAVY WHO RELY UPON THE U.S. FOR OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR EFFECTIVE USE AND MAINTENANCE/OVERHAUL OF THEIR WEAPONS SYSTEMS. TO A LESSER EXTENT THIS WILL ALSO AFFECT BRAZILIAN ARMY.

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